

Faith Lutheran Church
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Office Hours: Tuesdays 9am—Noon

Worship Schedule

9:30am Worship July at Faith Lutheran

Newsletter articles are due the 3rd Sunday of each month.

Reminder: The church service is available to watch on Facebook. By friending the North Valley Lutheran Church page, you will have access. We apologize for it not being smooth running but hope things are better now. If you can't come in person, give it a try. We're always trying to improve it. In the event where it doesn't air, you can see the service on the Faith Lutheran Church Balsam Lake site.



FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

First Faith Valley Lutheran Parish Ministry Corner
July, 2025

"United in Christ to strengthen our Ministries to adapt, grow and serve"

“A Light to my Path”

July’s theme **“A Light to my Path”** is to remind us that as we are on our Faith and Life Journey, God is our **light** for this journey.

This month’s theme comes from Psalm 119:105 **“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”** In Exodus when God lead the Israelites out of Egypt the land of bondage “the Lord went before them by day as a pillar of a cloud, to lead the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light: to go by day and night.” In John 8:12 Jesus said **“I am the Light of the world”**. God is light and as believers in Christ and his finished work of the cross we are called to be salt and light to the world. Jesus said in Matthew 5:13-16 ¹³ *“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled underfoot.*

¹⁴ *“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. NRSV*

As we continue our **Mission and Journey** as Congregations and a members the First Faith Lutheran Parish to call a new Pastor, with the help of Pastors Peter, Neal and Tamra we each need the **Light** of the **Christ** to show us the way **Stewards** of what God has given us (time, talents, and/or money) in our own lives and relationships as well as the life and relationship of our Congregation and Parish. We need to ask ourselves, Am I/are we walking daily as **“Children of Light”**? Paul tells us [in Ephesians 5:8-9](#) ⁸*for once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Walk as children of light, ⁹for the fruit of the light^[c] is found in all that is good and right and true.* NRSV What **am** I being shown by God’s light, the Holy Sprit to do as part of this **Mission** and **Journey** and beyond? We are **ALL** to work together in **MISSION** telling the World about God’s Love and showing his Light to-wards all people through his son Jesus.

The color for the 20 weeks of the season of Pentecost is green for growth. The book of Acts shows us how our **MISSION** started when Jesus gave us the great **COMMISSION** before ascending to the Father in Acts 1:8 *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my **witnesses** in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*’. Jesus is telling us that our **MISSION/WITNESS** starts at home and then grows out from there. So, we need to ask ourselves, **how am I growing in MISSION during this time and am I being a good Steward of all that God has provided me?** We are growing because we now have Teams/Committees that are making use of our individual talents/gifts to do things were done for us. We all are finding out we can do these things and are growing in **MISSION** and **Stewardship** as we do them it is **“God’s Work, Our Hands”**.

Please continue pray for wisdom and guidance for your Worship Team and Congregation Councils and the Parish Council as we work to strengthen and improve the Ministry of the First Faith Lutheran Parish and Call a Pastor to Shepherd us on this **Faith Journey**.

Worship Times change for July- August-September

8am North Valley, 9:30am Faith and 11am First

Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday July 23, 2025

6pm

Faith, Balsam Lake

In remembering and contemplating our own humanity it is **“God’s Work-Our Hands”** to bring and tell of the **HOPE** and **Light** of Jesus Christ showing while **“Words Matter-Actions Matter More”**.

Yours in Our Eternal **Light** and **Hope**, Jesus Christ,

Steve Jensen, Pres. FFVLP

BIRTHDAYS

Davison	Dennis	07/06
Albrecht	Emilie	07/08
Vollrath	Wendy	07/10
Hendrickson	Tracy	07/31

WEDDING
ANNIVERSARIES

Robinson, Robert and Lilah	07/02/1960
Mathson, Brent and Susan	07/05/1980
Littlefield, Max and Barbara	07/12/1974
Williamson, Douglas and Annette	07/25/1977
Thibert, Jeff and Anna	07/28/2017

MAY \$\$FINANCIALS\$\$

Income ytd: \$19,981.17

Expenses ytd: \$24,514.59

Total ytd: -\$4,533.42

Church Office Hours!

Laurene will be in the office on Tuesdays
from 9am-12pm.

July 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:30 Quilters Office open 9a-12 10am Tuesday morning cards & Fellowship	2 1pm Parish choir	3	4	5
6 8:00 North Valley 9:30 Faith 11:00 First Pastor Neal Communion	7	8 9AM WELCA Office open 9a-12 10am Tuesday morning cards & Fellowship	9 1pm Parish choir	10	11	12
13 8:00 North Valley 9:30 Faith 11:00 First Pastor Peter	14 6:30 Council Mtg	15 Office open 9a-12 10am Tuesday morning cards & Fellowship	16 1pm Parish choir	17 2:00Parish choir singing at Willow Ridge in Amery	18	19
20 8:00 North Valley 9:30 Faith 11:00 First Pastor Neal Communion	21	22 Office open 9a-12 10am Tuesday morning cards & Fellowship	23 1pm Parish choir	24	25	26
27 9:30 Faith Combined Service	28	29 Office open 9a-12 10am Tuesday morning cards & Fellowship	30 1pm Parish choir	31		